

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING D'ANGELIA McMILLAN,
ARIELLE BETTS, AMINA GARTH
AND HEAVENLY GARTH

HON. MORGAN McGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor D'Angelia McMillan, Arielle Betts, Amina Garth and Heavenly Garth for their commitment to creating change in Kentucky.

As members of the Real Young Prodigy's Program, they spearheaded an advocacy campaign to pass the CROWN Act in Louisville. They also led a rally that brought in over 400 children to Frankfort in support of their cause. Young people across Louisville are better off thanks to D'Angelia, Arielle, Amina, and Heavenly's tireless advocacy, and I thank them for their service to our community.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PETERSON ZAH

HON. RUBEN GALLEG0

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. GALLEG0. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of former Navajo Nation President Peterson Zah, who passed away on March 7, 2023.

Peterson Zah served as Chairman of the Navajo Nation from 1983 to 1987 before serving as the Navajo Nation's first elected President from 1991 to 1995. Zah graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in education. He was committed throughout his life to making a difference in Navajo people's lives, particularly through creating higher education opportunities for Native Americans at ASU and other institutions. The President was recognized for his work in education with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Indian Education Association and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Servant Leadership Award. As leader of the Navajo Nation, Zah focused on government accountability and established the Navajo Nation Permanent Trust Fund.

Chairman Zah's impact on the Navajo Nation will be remembered for many years to come. His humility, compassion, and commitment to bettering his community have served as an inspiration for many. I extend my deepest condolences to President Zah's family and join all those who knew him in commemorating his service and leadership.

President Peterson Zah was cherished by those who knew him and will be deeply and sincerely missed. May he rest in peace.

HONORING ASHLEY CARIÑO AS A
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CEN-
TRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Ashley Cariño is Miss Puerto Rico Universe 2022 and Miss Florida USA 2021. Ashley was born in Fajardo, Puerto Rico in 1994 at Dr. Gubern Hospital. She moved with her family at the age of six to Kissimmee, Florida. From a very young age, Ashley demonstrated a passion for sciences—falling in love with anything STEM-related and becoming involved in various STEM clubs and programs throughout her educational years.

When she finished high school, Ashley was able to graduate with a minor in architecture and several technical certifications. From there, she studied aerospace engineering at the University of Central Florida.

As the eldest of five, Ashley has always been aware of the impact of role models on today's growing generation. Therefore, she has strived to become the best role model she can be for her siblings and those around her. Additionally, Ashley has focused on helping children and adolescents with mental health diagnoses find coping skills and passions through STEM programs and activities in the community. She hopes to inspire those around her to be themselves and believe in who they are and what they can accomplish.

Ashley dreams of becoming the first Miss Universe to ever go to space. Her ultimate goal is to work for NASA, which was a childhood dream of hers. Ashley is also a baseball fan and a big "Trek" or fan of the TV show "Star Trek." With her serenity and mysticism, she challenges what strength and power can look like.

HONORING NYREE CLAYTON- TAYLOR

HON. MORGAN McGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nyree Clayton-Taylor for her steadfast service to our community.

Nyree is the creator of the Hip Hop N2 Learning Real Young Prodigy's Program, empowering students to use hip hop to create change that impacts the lives of Black children across Kentucky. She was also named the 2019 Kentucky Elementary Teacher of the Year. Nyree's dedication to bring about change and impact young lives is inspiring, and I thank her for all she does for Louisville.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2022 ELLIS IS-
LAND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPI-
ENTS

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2022 recipients of the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Presented annually, the Ellis Island Medals of Honor pay tribute to our Nation's immigrant heritage, as well as individual achievement. The Medals are awarded to U.S. citizens from diverse ethnic backgrounds who exemplify outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional lives, while continuing to preserve the richness of their particular heritage and culture.

Since the Medals' founding, more than 2,500 American citizens have received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, including seven American Presidents, numerous United States Senators and Congressmen, two Nobel Laureates, and many athletes, artists, clergy, and military leaders. This Medal is not about material success, nor is it about the politics of immigration; it is about the people who have committed themselves to this Nation, embraced the opportunities America offers, and most importantly, who have used those opportunities to not only better their own lives but make a difference in our country and in the lives of its people.

Citizens of the United States hail from every nation known to man. The iconic metaphor of this Nation as a veritable melting pot of cultures continues to ring true, and it is this diversity that adds to the unique richness of American life. The Ellis Island Medals of Honor not only celebrate select individuals but also the pluralism and democracy that enabled our forebearers to celebrate their cultural identities while still embracing the American way of life. This award serves to remind us all that with hard work and perseverance anyone can still achieve the American dream. In addition, by honoring these remarkable Americans, we honor all who share their origins and we acknowledge the contributions they have made to America. I commend Ellis Island Honors Society and its Board of Directors headed by Chairman Nasser J. Kazeminy, for honoring these truly outstanding individuals for their efforts to promote a sense of common purpose in our nation.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the good works of the Ellis Island Honors Society and in congratulating all of the 2022 recipients of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. I include in the RECORD the names of this year's recipients.

2022 ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

Pouria Abbassi, Cyrus Ansary, Esq., Dr. Brahim Ardolic, Maestro Igor Babailov, Hon. RAA, MFA, KStA, D.Littl, Dr. Robert Bard, Dean John Belcher, Nazanin Boniadi, Honorable Denis Boyle, Ambassador Nancy

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